

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 35 are cancelled herein, leaving Claims 36 - 73 pending.

Claims 36 - 73 stand allowed by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation Examiner's assessment that claims 36 – 73 are allowable.

Applicant herein cancels claims 1 – 35, without prejudice, and with reservation of the right to prosecute those claims, or the subject matter thereof, in this or a subsequent application.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner have been addressed and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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